

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with thanks the Examiner's entry of the Amendment filed on August 3, 2004. Following entry of that Amendment, claims 9 and 12-16 are pending in the application. Applicants further note with thanks the Examiner's indication that claims 12-16 are allowable. Applicants also thank the Examiner for withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hsiao, et al.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Nakanishi, *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 4,657,860). Applicants respectfully traverse. For a reference to anticipate a claim, the reference must include, either expressly or inherently, all of the limitations of the claim. *See Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989), quoted in M.P.E.P. § 2131.

Nakanishi, *et al.* does not report an invention identical to that of claim 9. Claim 9 claims, "An isolated *Corynebacterium* strain, wherein said strain produces at least about 10 g/l of L-lysine in 24 hours when grown in a bacterial culture medium containing at least about 1% raffinate."

The Office Action cites Nakanishi's report of L-lysine production in Example 2 and Table 2. Neither Example 2 nor Table 2 of Nakanishi, *et al.* reports a *Corynebacterium* strain that produces at least about 10 grams per liter of L-lysine in 24 hours when grown in a bacterial

culture medium containing at least 1% raffinate. To the contrary, although the strain reported in Example 2 was initially inoculated in a seed medium for 24 hours, the L-lysine production values reported in Table 2 followed culture of the bacteria, with stirring, at 30° C for 3 days. The reported process in Example 2 and values in Table 2 therefore give no indication of the amount of L-lysine reportedly produced by the strain of Nakanishi, *et al.* in a 24-hour period. Nakanishi, *et al.* does not anticipate claim 9 of the instant application because it does not teach the elements of claim 9. Although Nakanishi, *et al.* does indicate use of a 24-hour period for inoculation, there are no reported results for L-lysine fermentation production in that 24-hour inoculation period. The rejection of claim 9 based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should therefore be removed and the claim allowed.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsiao, *et al.* in view of Nakanishi, *et al.* The Office Action acknowledges "Hsiao's *Corynebacterium* strain does not appear to produce at least 10 grams of L-lysine in 24 hours," but states that a "*Corynebacterium* strain which produced as high as about 34 to 36 grams per liters of L-lysine in 24 hours was already known in the art at the time of the invention." Nakanishi, *et al.* is cited for this proposition. However, as established in discussion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Nakanishi does not stand for the cited proposition. Therefore, applicants submit that the Office Action has not set forth a *prima facie* case of obviousness as is required for a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 9 as being unpatentable over Hsiao, *et al.* in view of Nakanishi, *et al.* should be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Applicants respectfully request that the change of correspondence address and change of Power of Attorney filed on May 6, 2004, and attached hereto, be recognized in this case. The correct address for correspondence is

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CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been traversed. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection and allow all pending claims. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and as such, the present Application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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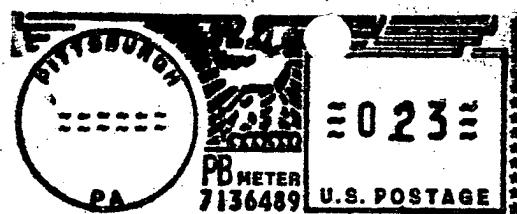
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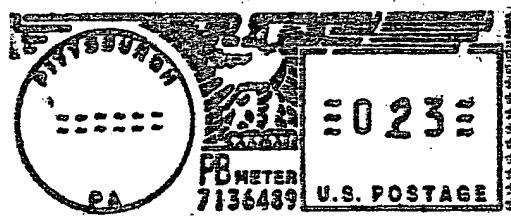


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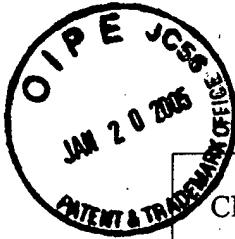
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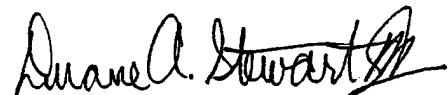
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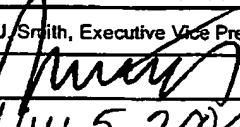
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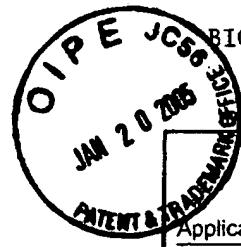
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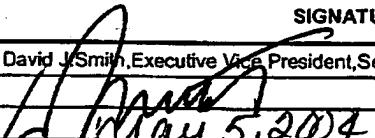
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Applicant/Patent Owner: Liaw, Eddington, Yang, Dancey, Swisher, and Mao

Application No./Patent No.: 09/630,454 Filed/Issue Date: Filed August 2, 2000Entitled: Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use Thereof in Fermentation Processes for L-Lysine ProductionArcher-Daniels-Midland Company, a Corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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ASSIGNMENT OF A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned: Hungming J. Liaw, John Eddington, Yueqin Yang, Richard Dancey, Stacia Swisher and Weiyang Mao, the undersigned hereby sells and assigns to Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for and collect for all past, present and future damages,

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- for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
 and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention(s) known as Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use Thereof In Fermentation Processes for L-Lysine Production for which a provisional application for patent in the United States of America has been filed on August 2, 1999 (also known as United States Application No. 60/146,350), in any and all non-provisional applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) granted on such non-provisional applications, and (b) in any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of such applications or Letters Patent(s) and divisional and continuation applications thereof, to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent(s) issue, and (c) in all forms of intellectual and industrial property protection derivable from the above patent application(s), and that are derivable from any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals, reexaminations and priority documents of such patent application(s), including, without limitation, patents, applications, utility models, inventor's certificates, and designs together with the right to file applications therefor; and including the right to claim the same priority rights from any previously filed applications under the International Agreement for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement, or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; such entire right, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee to the same extent as they would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the provisional application for patent and with any non-provisional continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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The undersigned hereby represents that the undersigned has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that the undersigned has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

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